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SUBJECT: MARRIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON: NEXT STEPS IN
PREPARING CONSIDERATION OF POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES
AT MINISTERIAL

REF: KORP TELECONS WITH EUR/RPE LAASE AND GELBARD

1. AS ARRANGED, SECGEN'S ECONOMIC ADVISOR, STEPHEN
MARRIS, WILL HAVE APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON ON HIS
WAY TO IMF INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING IN MEXICO CITY.
MARRIS WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON EVENING APRIL 25 AND
DEPART FOR MEXICO CITY 5:30 P.M. APRIL 27. THUS, IN
ADDITION TO APPOINTMENTS ON APRIL 26, FOLLOW-ON CONTACTS
COULD ALSO BE SCHEDULED DURING MOST OF APRIL 27.
MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF SPECIFIC
SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS FOR MARRIS.

2. IN ADDITION TO TAKING UP IN HIS WASHINGTON CONTACTS
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SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS OF ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
CONCERTED ACTION STRATEGY FOR DISCUSSION AT END OF MAY
EPC AND MID-JUNE MINISTERIAL (AND SEEKING U.S. VIEWS
ON HOW THIS SECRETARIAT WORK MIGHT BE MOST RELEVANT
TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE SUMMIT), MARRIS WILL WISH TO
CONSULT ON NEXT STEPS ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES
ISSUE.

3. MARRIS INDICATES THAT SECRETARIAT WAS ENCOURAGED BY DISCUSSION OF POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS AT APRIL 14 XCSS (PARIS 12495), ALTHOUGH IS FEARFUL THAT WHEN ISSUE COMES BEFORE "CONSTITUENCY AGENCIES" IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS HURDLES MAY ARISE. ACCORDING TO MARRIS, SECGEN IS PLANNING TO HOLD HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING SOON (PROBABLY APRIL 25) TO DISCUSS HOW BEST PREPARE THIS TOPIC FOR MINISTERIAL. ONE SUGGESTION SECGEN APPARENTLY HAS IN MIND IS TO CREATE AD HOC GROUP OF THE COUNCIL WHICH WOULD INITIALLY HOLD DISCUSSIONS AT PERMANENT DELEGATION LEVEL. SECRETARIAT FORESEES THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE USEFUL TO HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT WITH DELEGATES FROM CAPITALS, PERHAPS A WEEK BEFORE EPC MEETING. (NOTE: SINCE EPC WP-2 SCHEDULED TO MEET MAY 18 - 19, MEETING ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT MIGHT PERHAPS BEST BE BACK-TO-BACK WITH WP-2.) MARRIS INDICATES THAT WHILE SECGEN MAY NOT BE THIS EXPLICIT AT HEADS OF DEL MEETING, SECRETARIAT'S AIM IS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT AT MINISTERIAL ON (A) 2 OR 3 PARAGRAPHS IN MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD UNDERLINE IMPORTANCE OF POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT POLICIES AND INDICATE GENERALLY DESIRABLE DIRECTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW, AND (B) AN ANNEX OR A MEMORANDUM WHICH WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE COMMUNIQUE OF TWO OR THREE PAGES (I.E. NOT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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SOLEMN A DOCUMENT AS A "PLEDGE" OR A "DECLARATION"), WHICH WOULD DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL NATURE OF APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE TO ADJUSTMENT ISSUES.

4. MISSION WILL REPORT SEPARATELY WHEN HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING ON POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT IS CALLED. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON APPROACH MISSION SHOULD TAKE AT SUCH MEETING, INCLUDING ON QUESTIONS OF PROCEDURE.
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